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- On 8 January 1954, [REDACTED] no training activity at the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp occupied by the KVP. Six [REDACTED] T-34 tanks were seen in a shed. About 30 new trucks and 12 jeeps were parked in front of two buildings. Senior Lieutenant Mitschick (fnu) was observed at the installation.
 - On 26 January, normal training activities had been resumed at the installation in spite of the great cold. In the morning, soldiers of various branches of the service were being trained with 18 x 37-mm AA guns. Details of about 20 men each were being given close order drill. No tanks were observed practising in the training area. About 10 a.m., a detail of 14 men who wore an "A" on their epaulets were seen leaving Oranienburg Castle towards Tiergartensiedlung. The soldiers who carried rifles and full packs returned from the direction of Sachsenhausen about 3 p.m.
 - Between 20 January and 1 February 1954, about 150 new personnel arrived at the 1st Mechanized Kommando in Oranienburg. The newcomers stated that they had been forced to join the KVP. During the reported period, the 1st Mechanized Kommando was placed on an alert status. Officers of the unit believed that the alert was decreed in connection with a possible unrest during the Four-Power Conference in Berlin.
 - The morale of the soldiers of the unit was not satisfactory. A total of seven NCOs and 64 EM were under arrest. All personnel of the unit, in particular officers and NCOs, were being screened by an SED commission which was expected to transmit its findings to Berlin for evaluation there.
 - Between 28 January and 8 February, the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp quartered an estimated 2,000 men who wore red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, blue-bordered black, black-bordered crimson, black-bordered blue, red-bordered green and blue collar patches. No training activities were observed on 28 January, the afternoon of 1 February, and the morning of 4 February. On 4 February, firing with submachine guns was conducted in the restricted wooden area east of Lake Lehnitz. Trucks [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] were observed at the installation. Work on the construction of a new wooden motor vehicle shed east of Gate II had been discontinued. Trucks were observed parked in the motor vehicle shed which had been completed. A total of 18 tank trucks were parked in the open.


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